

# 1997 Census of Agriculture

## County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

### IREDELL

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	99,614	23	100	519	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	90,016	15	100	220	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,598	71	100	1,786	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	54,218	10	97	105	2,901
Dairy products	25,990	1	67	168	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,572	1	99	1,022	3,063
Soybeans	2,148	31	88	962	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,877	2	97	438	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,906,256	2	72	11	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,589,315	47	68	409	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,502,067	9	46	57	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	65,804	5	63	86	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	20,361	1	99	961	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,253,939	1	98	62	3,002
All turkeys inventory	625,536	9	74	55	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	390,602	3	72	28	2,549
Broiler inventory	311,027	45	81	391	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	219,400	4	51	69	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	30,090	1	99	674	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	10,871	1	88	111	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,185	38	88	1,022	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,727	39	100	1,268	2,691
Wheat-acres	5,345	33	86	1,022	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

#### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000 .....	754	718	5
\$10,000 or more .....	435	425	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	69,091	54,197	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	58,108	47,417	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	24,487	8,739	180
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,595	7,646	169
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family .....	1,073	1,009	6
Partnership or corporation .....	115	127	-9
Other .....	1	7	-86
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming .....	548	564	-3
Other .....	641	579	11
Operators by sex:			
Male .....	1,064	1,042	2
Female .....	125	101	24
Operators by race:			
White .....	1,171	1,131	4
Black and other races .....	18	12	50
Average age of operator .....	56.6	55.9	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.